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W. R. Carr, Business Manager of The St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of July, 1900, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

Date	Copies	Date	Copies
1 Sunday	85,660	17	85,700
2	112,240	18	83,890
3	97,670	19	83,410
4	89,630	20	84,300
5	88,330	21	87,520
6	89,800	22	85,460
7	90,125	23	84,790
8 Sunday	85,940	24	83,740
9	84,640	25	84,170
10	84,870	26	84,000
11	83,860	27	84,480
12	83,580	28	86,910
13	83,980	29	85,540
14	85,910	30	84,330
15 Sunday	84,760	31	84,020
16	85,030		
Total for the month	2,687,555		
Less all copies spotted in printing, left over or filed	45,435		
Net number distributed	2,642,120		
Average daily distribution	85,220		

And said W. R. Carr further says that the number of copies returned or reported unsold during the month of July was \$18 per cent.

W. R. CARR,
 Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 28, 1901.

FOR TIME IS MONEY.

Philosophers of the "time is money" school of philosophy suggest that the formal words "Dear sir," and "Yours truly," be omitted from business letters. These thinkers open a wide field for reform and improvement.

Writing this "entirely unnecessary" sop to senseless custom" consumes one hour of the time of an amanuensis in the production of 500 letters. In the annual letter mail of the world, which statistics put at \$800,000,000 pieces, the writing of these formal words consumes the tremendous total of 6,700 years. Allowing \$10 a week as the wages of the amanuensis, \$3,350,000 is wasted by the world in writing "Dear sir" and "Yours truly."

Few men probably realized how much time and money they wasted in putting these words in letters. Think of it—6,700 years and \$3,350,000! And the words are not needed. A telegram is none the less forcible or businesslike because it omits the "Dear sir" and the "Yours truly."

Great reforms are not introduced in a day, but the philosophers should stick to their reform work. When they have abolished the custom of writing "Dear sir" and "Yours truly," they can proceed to demolish other phrases which consume years of time and millions of money.

MAKES FOR REFORM.

Abolition of the lock-step for first-time convicts in Sing Sing and the substitution of the immediate march seems to be a recognition of the opprobrium which goes with the lock-step as a regular penal concomitant of the striped suit and the short hair.

The lock-step is undoubtedly an effective disciplinary measure with prisoners inclined to be unruly. The individuality of the unruly prisoner is merged into the mass of the convicts who are inclined to heed the prison rules. With one hand on the shoulder of the prisoner in front of him, he must step out in unison with the mass. He can step out in no other way without throwing out the entire line of which he forms a part and thus instantly attracting the attention of the guards.

The distinction between the first-time convict and the hardened criminal, made by the abolition of the lock-step, should produce that healthy reformatory influence which is one prime object of penal institutions. The first-time convict, exempted from the lock-step, will see the line drawn between him and his hardened fellow-prisoners. He will recognize that he is not classed with them, that the authorities hope for his ultimate reform. This will go a great way toward overcoming the objection which penologists find to imprisoning first-time criminals with others more inclined to crime. One term in the penitentiary they say, inclines to change an occasional criminal into a habitual criminal.

BLOCK PATROL WILL GO.

As a result of the all-for-salaried method of appropriating the city's revenues the block patrol system is to go by the board.

St. Louis has congratulated itself on the work done by the block patrol in the downtown districts. In this respect the city was as metropolitan as New York. The block patrol was a street-cleaning device originated by Street Commissioner Waring of New York. Men in white uniforms were stationed in the business portion of New York, each in charge of a specified district, the streets of which he was expected to keep constantly swept clean from the accumulations which form the litter of a city. By this device the city's streets did not start clean in the morning and foul up as the day progressed. They were clean and ready for exhibition at all times. The system was adopted in other large cities, such as Detroit and Buffalo,

which took an interest in their streets. St. Louis adopted the plan also.

This system is to be abandoned now because there is no money to keep it up. All the money had to be appropriated for the salaries of superintendents and inspectors. The block patrol fell a sacrifice along with the expenses of the fall election and the money for the maintenance of the city's sick, poor and insane.

Mayor Ziegenbein once in addressing a St. Louis commercial body at a banquet declared that the streets of St. Louis were no better than country roads. At the present rate of progress in Ziegenbeinism St. Louis promises to become no better than a country town in all important particulars.

OUR POLICY IN CHINA.
 It is with a feeling of profound thankfulness that the American people will receive the glad news of the entrance of the allied forces into Peking and the rescue of the foreign legationaries who have for so long been in peril of death at the hands of Chinese mobs and the imperial troops.

National solidarity for the fate of Minister Conger and his associates of the American Legation has naturally been of an intensely not often demanded of an entire people. During many days the nature of the news was such as to leave little hope that Conger was alive. Even when news began to dribble out from Peking there was little that was reassuring in the occasional bulletins received. All that was known was that the foreigners were beleaguered in the British Legation compound, that they were in continual danger of massacre, being fired on night and day and subject to a final and overwhelming assault at any moment. In this time of nervous strain there was but one thing certain—that if China permitted the slaughter of the envoys she must be made to pay the penalty in its fullest limit.

The rescue of Conger, however, lifts this duty of revenge and bloody reprisal from the American people. We have now to settle with China on a basis of money indemnity for the damages arising from the Boxer rebellion. It is not legitimately our policy to take advantage of the opportunity to seize Chinese territory and to plant our flag permanently on Chinese soil. If land-grabbing is attempted by the European Powers, as is most certain to be the case, we have the right to insist upon a full protection of American trade rights in whatever settlement may be effected. This should be done, but beyond this the United States Government should not go.

Especially ought we to refrain from acting as the ally and tool of England against Russia, France and Germany. The matters in dispute between those Governments are matters in which we are not vitally concerned—certainly not to the extent of becoming involved in the general European war which may result therefrom. If this war must come, principle and wise policy alike demand that the United States shall stand clear. Commercially, we have everything to gain by such a course. Politically, we have no right and no business to interfere in Europe's quarrels. It is to be hoped that the traditional American policy shall prevail in the settlement of the Chinese problem in so far as such settlement affects us.

PICTURE OF NEGLECT.

Why, now that the money is ready for beginning the construction of a new City Hospital, must St. Louis wait three months while the sketch plans submitted by the Hospital Commission are developed into detailed plans and specifications for the contractor and builder? Why was not this work done before?

Neglect of a glaring kind appears here. When the storm of 1896 destroyed the old City Hospital and St. Louis was obliged to shelter its pauper patients in a ramshackle, deserted building, detailed plans should at once have been prepared for a new City Hospital, even though the money for the new structure was not yet available. The failure to follow this course has resulted in the present delay. Even after the City Hospital Commission completed its work, no step was taken toward the adoption of the plan and toward putting it into shape for the builder and contractor.

"I have reason to believe that the report and sketches showing the results of the work of the Hospital Commission were ordered by the commission to be delivered to the Mayor for transmission to the Assembly while Mr. Walbridge was still Mayor. They were not delivered to Mr. Walbridge and their whereabouts were unknown for over two years," says President McMath on this subject. "The report was suppressed from January 23, 1897, to some time in the early summer of 1899."

So long as the temporary hospital was in use, so long as the patients were housed in a combustible building, comprising a labyrinth of halls and doorways, there was a continual menace that fire and panic would cause a holocaust of large proportions. In the face of this condition the city authorities neglected to put matters in shape for the immediate commencement of work. Now that St. Louis is ready to begin work, a wait of three months, with its constant menace of fire and panic, is announced. Here is a picture of neglect. This habitual makeshift, short-sighted incompetence in the conduct of the city's business, due to looking after salaries instead of results, has done more than anything else to create the deficit under which municipal government is struggling.

TRUSTS AND FARMERS.

Statistics establish facts and those gathered by the Democratic Congressional Committee sufficiently refute the historic dictum of Mark Hanna, "The trusts harm nobody. They ought to be left alone." The statistics show that "a trust robs you waking or sleeping, eating or drinking, working or playing, living or dying and the coffin trusts get you in the end."

A consideration of the foodstuff trusts, the cracker trust, the sugar trust, the edible nut trust, the fish trust, the fruit trust, the various milk and malt trusts that monopolize the trade in their products in various parts of the country, show how the general public pays tribute of an average of 27½ per cent on all the food they consume. The tribute levied on the farmer is even larger than this.

From 40 to 100 per cent more is paid by the farmer for the implements he

uses in his work than he paid in 1896. Statistics which reduce the price of his purchases to the common denominator of his product—wheat, cotton and corn show that he must give 50 per cent more wheat for a stove, and 40 per cent more corn for a plow than he gave in 1896. This scale of increase is maintained on all the articles he uses.

No trust has helped the farmer. The corn and the wheat he raises are sold in the open market under legitimate competition which fixes its price according to the natural laws of supply and demand. The talk of a farmers' trust has remained talk. He cannot retaliate in kind. He must bear the burden.

Mark Hanna has never expanded his contention that the trusts harm nobody. It was only in a burst of confidence that he made the utterance and he never analyzed it. The platform he framed at Philadelphia condemns the trusts in a half-hearted way, but the party that made the trusts and profited by them will never unmake them.

HE WON'T BE A TORY.

Thomas B. Reed of Maine, who has not infrequently been called "the brains of the Republican party," now assuredly demonstrates the fact of his possession of sufficient gray matter under his skull to prevent his sacrificial endorsement, at the eleventh hour, of that imperialist policy of President McKinley which he was so prompt to condemn at the outset.

It seems remarkable, indeed, that Chairman Manley of the Republican State Committee of Maine should have believed for a moment that Mr. Reed could be induced to take the stump in that State for imperialism, militarism, trustism, Toryism and all the rest of the un-American creed which constitutes McKinleyism. Mr. Manley has known Mr. Reed for years. He must by this time be aware of the fact that the former Speaker of the House is a man who knows his own mind and is peculiarly stubborn in holding to his own convictions. Mr. Reed has no use for McKinley and no patience with his policies. It is not in him to submit to the party lash and allow its corrective application to make him submit himself on the stump.

It is apparent that the managers of the Republican national campaign must get along without Mr. Reed's powerful assistance this year, as they must do without that of many other eminent Republicans who are not yet willing to betray the Republic to Empire. The Tory line of battle is shortening and thinning every day now. As the time approaches when every voter in this country must take his place, either on the side of the Republic or of Empire, the old American spirit gloriously prevails. It is becoming evident that after November of 1900 the American Tory will be in as sorry a plight and as evil repute as he was when the Revolutionary War fought by our patriot fathers drove from the American Colonies the same British now again seeking control of our liberties through a Tory willingness to betray a liberty-loving Republic to Empire.

Bryan analyzes the situation correctly when he maintains that Americans who oppose McKinley's Philippine policy care nothing for the Philippines. They are concerned only with the welfare of the greatest Republic on earth.

If the home-coming of Steelman Gates and his dabbling in politics affect the American people as his prominence in the Justice case affected the Jury, Mark Hanna will wish he had not sent for him.

Chicago's population estimates, based on its school attendance, may have been too high because they mixed divorce statistics with child population, allowing several parents more than two for each child.

Reports that Senator Hanna is to take the stump for McKinley are unfounded. Hanna will probably have nothing to do with a stump until next November. Then he will be up a stump.

It isn't probable that the young men of America will support the party of trustism whose policies threaten the destruction of business independence as well as of popular freedom.

It is almost pitiful, the studious silence with which the Globe-Democrat ignores the existence of Republican Boss Baumhoff in the Twelfth Congressional District.

It's we Americans who must pay the bitterest cost of Empire—not the Philistines or other little peoples who happen to be in the imperial path of conquest.

No wonder Trust Magnate Gates is hurrying home from Europe to work for Mr. McKinley. This is a time when all combine men must stand together.

Don't let's spoil our happiness at the resuscitation of Conger by becoming involved in Europe's imperial squabble over China's dismemberment.

Governor Stone of Missouri has abandoned his proposed trip to Europe. Only Republicans are going to Europe during the present campaign.

Wouldn't it be fine if the allied forces in Peking could only organize a duck-stool party now with dear old Euphrates Duvogier An as the duck?

The appearance of the shirt waist gives the young man a chance to get square with his sister for borrowing his neckties.

Will Mr. McKinley consider it "manifest destiny" or Democratic spite when he is retired to private life next November?

Many symptoms indicate that Sedalia will have to move out to make room for the Democratic rally next Tuesday.

Which are you for in November—the Republic or Empire? the trust combines or the people?

Hot Times in Old Missouri.
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 When August days come round,
 And campaign speakers make the State
 A big debating ground;
 Hot times! Hot times!
 But the game must still be played—
 Hot times with oratory at
 One hundred in the shade!

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 When August days come round,
 With politics to make the blood
 Flow in your skin;
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 For on your aunts' heads
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STORIES OF WELL-KNOWN MISSOURIANS—WEBSTER, DAVIS AND HIS MOTHER.

MR. DOCKERY'S PROMISE TO SIMP MILLER—HOW MR. COCKRELL ESCAPED THE GOVERNORSHIP.

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